

ANTI-FUNDAMENTALIST TO SPEAK AT SBC UNIVERSITY

March 14, 1997 (David W. Cloud, Fundamental Baptist Information Service, www.wayoflife.org) - William Self, pastor of Johns Creek Baptist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, is scheduled to deliver the first in a lecture series established in his name March 17-19 at Mercer University's School of Theology. Mercer is supported by the Georgia Baptist Convention, a state affiliate of the Southern Baptist Convention.

When the Southern Baptist Convention passed a non-binding resolution in 1984 against ordaining women ministers, Self sent a letter to the Atlanta Journal and Constitution which stated: "I want to apologize to every woman in this church for what the Southern Baptist Convention did this year. I disagree with it. It's wrong." The letter was published in the August 12 edition of the newspaper.

When, in 1987, conservative Southern Baptist leaders attempted to require professors at Southeastern Theological Seminary to accept the Bible as the verbally inspired Word of God and to commit themselves to the denomination's doctrinal statement, Pastor Self denounced them and said: "If the trustees of this institution touch one professor, one administrator, our dean or our president, you can have my degree back any day. I will not have a degree from a fundamentalist wind tunnel" (*The Charlotte Observer*, Oct. 14, 1987).

According to Self's twisted thinking, I suppose the Apostle Paul was creating a "fundamentalist wind tunnel" when he wrote to Timothy, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and required that Timothy allow NO OTHER DOCTRINE to be taught (1 Timothy 1:3).

Pastor Self fits in nicely at Mercer University. The head of Mercer is R. Kirby Godsey, author of *When We Talk about God ... Let's Be Honest*. We reviewed this modernistic book in O Timothy magazine, Volume 13, Issue 12, 1996. The article, entitled "President of Southern Baptist University Attacks the Bible," exposes Godsey's heresies. He denies, questions, or reinterprets practically every doctrine of the Christian faith, yet he has been the president of Mercer for 17 years.

See ["When Was the Southern Baptist Convention Delivered from Liberalism?"](http://www.wayoflife.org/~dcloud) in the Southern Baptist section of the End Times Apostasy Database at the Way of Life Web site -- <http://www.wayoflife.org/~dcloud>